

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening now

Intercessory Prayer Conference
Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will have its annual Intercessory Prayer Conference on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Pastor Darrick Clemons and St. Joseph Baptist Church will be the guest on Thursday and Pastor Jimmy Montgomery and Antioch Baptist Church from Ridgeway, Va. will be the guest on Friday. The public is invited. Call 336-744-5759 for more information.

April 11

Health fair

The 11th annual Health Fair sponsored by the Nurse's Ministry will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Red Bank Baptist Church, 6405 Red Bank Road, Germantown. There will be vendors set up, door prizes, and lectures for teens and adults on health-related topics. The admission is free. The pastor is Rev. James Clyburn Sr. The church's phone number is 336-767-0981.

Food and clothes available

Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Hill Church, 4951 Manning St., a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet will be open for those who need food and clothes. Direct all questions to Missionary Tammy Orr at 336-744-3012. Bishop Claude C. Turner is founder, pastor and teacher.

Yard sale

Great Commission Community Church, 3733 Ogburn Ave., will have an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Great Commission Community Church. All proceeds will benefit GC3 Cares, which is the outreach ministry. For more information, call 336-577-3420 or visit www.greatcommissioncommunitychurch.com

April 12

Women's Day

Women's Day will be held 10 a.m. Sunday, April 12 at Benbow Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 453 E. Main St., East Bend. The Rev. Keith M. Davis is Pastor. Guest Speaker is Rev. Vanessa T. Martin and congregation of House of God from Walkertown.

Missionary Day Service

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 New Hope Lane, will hold the annual Missionary Day Service on Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m. Pastor Warren Napper, and the members and friends of Canaan Baptist Church will be the special guests. Deaconess Hazel Howard is the program leader. Bishop John C. Parks is the senior pastor.

"Pour Out Your Wrath"

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear Rabbi Dr. Andrew Ettin present a sermon titled "Pour Out Your Wrath" at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday. At the 9:15 a.m. Forum, Gus Preschle will speak on North Carolina's missing clean-power plan. Visitors are welcome. Find more information at www.uufws.org.

Guest speaker

Rev. James Gilliam of Antioch Christian Church will be the guest speaker at Antioch Baptist Church, Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

Missionary Anniversary

Hickory Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, 3791 Harper Road, Clemmons, will hold its Missionary Anniversary on April 12 at 3 p.m. Speaker: Karen Oliver from Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Starting April 13

Spring revival

Steward's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 198 Anderson Road, in Rural Hall, will hold its Spring Revival on Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at 7 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Johnny Ruff, pastor of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, will be the revivalist for the week. The Rev. Eddie Fortson is the host pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Revival

Rock of Ages Baptist Church 4707 Cherry St. will hold revival from Monday, April 13 through Thursday, April 16. Service begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest revivalist will be Pastor Andrew Draughn, from Mt. Airy. All are welcome.

April 15

Lunch and Learn

Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, 1535 East Fourth St., will hold its monthly Lunch and Learn seminar on Wednesday, April 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. The Rev. Dianne Horton, Chaplain for Transitional and Supportive Care; Clinical Ministries Division of FaithHealth Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, will be the guest speaker. "Coping with Grief and Loss Exploring the Mental, Emotional, and Physical Reaction" is the seminar topic. A free nutritious meal prepared by Goler Memorial's chef Terrance Crumb will be served. The seminar concludes with a free door prize drawing. Contact Mertice Williams, coordinator, at 336-993-2237 to reserve a space or for more information. This event is sponsored by the Adult Department of Christian Education. The Rev. Johnny L. Ruff is the pastor.

April 17

Choir Concert

Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Inc. on Friday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. will have its Joyful Noise Men Choir Concert. The public is invited. There will be guest choirs performing. Contact

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Pastor to celebrate 36 years at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Charles E. Gray, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, will celebrate his 36th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Waymon Monroe, pastor of Solid Rock Baptist Church, and his congregation.

Dr. Gray was born in Greenville, N.C. He was educated in the public schools and received his Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Fayetteville State University. He received his master's and doctorate degrees from Andersonville Theological Seminary, graduating summa cum laude.

He moved to Winston-Salem in 1972, where he united with St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. In 1978, he felt his calling from God to deliver His word, and on Jan. 11, 1979, he preached his first sermon. On Nov. 4, 1979, he was installed as the pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1301 East Belews St. The street is currently named C. E. Gray Drive.



Submitted Photo
Dr. Charles E. and Eula Harlee Gray

He has been blessed with a wife for 50 years, Eula Harlee Gray, of Laurinburg, N.C.; two sons, the late Andre and Michael; one grandson, Charles Michael and one granddaughter, Chau Dre'.

Dr. Gray and Mt. Olive Baptist Church Mass Choir have produced two gospel tapes: "Let God Be God" and "Magnify Him." He has produced and presented the following plays to the public, "Let God Be God I & II" (written by his son, Michael Gray); "Order My Steps and the Upper Room to Calvary."

Some of the organizations that Dr. Gray is dedicated in supporting are the NAACP, Crisis Control, Samaritan Soup Kitchen, Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, YMCA, Red Cross, Feed the Children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Smile Train, International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, Habitat for Humanity and Toys for Tots.

Dr. Gray says nothing is more important to him than saving lost souls.

Greater Tabernacle celebrates Resurrection

Greater Tabernacle Worship Center, 1410 Attucks St., ended a week of celebrating Holy Week with a sunrise service and Communion on Sunday, April 5, at 6 a.m.



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Apostle Brenda McCloud, pastor of Greater Tabernacle, leads sunrise service worship.



Pastor McCloud gives a word during the service.



S. Wayne Patterson takes part in the service.

St. Mark members hold multiple events for pastor's anniversary

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St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St., has planned multiple events to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. James Fulwood, and First Lady Hattie Fulwood.

The first wave of events started on Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Dr. James Linville and members of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church were the guest. On Saturday, April 4 a banquet was given in honor of the Fulwoods at 6 p.m. at the church.

The celebrations will continue marking the 41st anniversary of the Dr. Fulwood and First Lady Fulwood on Friday, April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Winston-Salem Hotel & Spa, 3051 University Parkway. This event is sponsored by New Day Ministries, which is affiliated with St. Mark.

Contact Steve Johnson at 336-987-9953 for more information.



Submitted Photo
Dr. James Fulwood and First Lady Hattie Fulwood

Sharing Agape

Lesson Scripture: I John 3:11-24
By the end of this lesson, we should:

- Dispel any notions that some "secret knowledge" leads to Salvation
- Understand that God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit inspire sharing
- Deepen our commitment to share God's love with others

Background: Bible scholars have agreed the apostle John penned the Gospel, the epistles bearing his name, and the Revelation. All of the epistles were teaching tools that argue, illustrate, exhort, and instruct believers. During that time (A.D. 80s), the

doctrine of Gnosticism was developing. Basically, the belief was based on "secret knowledge" that led to Salvation. It crept into the early churches. Jesus never said that! Roman persecution was the policy of the day as well. However, "John was confident that God's people would hold fast to Christ and live a life of love" (Richards' Complete Bible Handbook). They only needed a little encouragement. It was important that their lives were lived from the inside out, not vice versa. The apostle emphasized that the new life was based on an intimate relationship with Christ (love) that is to be shared with one another. This love shared by believers is the best indication of



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

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